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Greetings,

As a software developer, I have encountered first-hand the abuses of power from Microsoft. I have seen their products fail to work with competitors. I have seen them arbitrarily change specifications in order to break the hard work of other companies. I have seen projects rejected, solely on the basis that, 'It's in a market segment that Microsoft is interested in, and we can't afford to have their attention turn on us.' I have experienced, and suffered through the fear, uncertainty, and doubt that they spread about in order to maintain their commercial position.

I would like to express my support, and strong hope that the alternate remedy plan provided by California, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Utah and West Virginia, along with the District of Columbia will be considered as the primary plan.

I feel that it penalizes Microsoft appropriately, and places requirements on them that actually have useful and valuable benefits to the consumers.

Competition improves the consumer landscape. I believe, and many of my coworkers and fellow developers believe, that the alternate remedy plan better provides for competition in the primary field that Microsoft has been abusing its monopoly: the desktop operating system.

The entire software development world, and the majority of people who are technically aware of how Microsoft has abused its power, were aghast at the first proposal which came out of this case. It amounts to absolutely nothing more than a slap on the wrist, and in fact most technologists believe it gives them MORE access to monopolistic practices in the future.

I strongly, and deeply urge that the recent alternate remedy be adopted as the actual remedy plan. It is better for the consumers, and provides punishments that fit the monopolistic behavior.

Thank you for your time,

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